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## Only Cold Weather Delays Regional School Progress

The regional school subcommittee appointed to recommend a principal for the new school is screening candidates for the position, said Frank Turner, superintendent of schools.

The subcommittee on equipment for the school met last night. Their visit to observe shop equipment in other schools was cancelled because of absence of one of the committeemen.

Footings, underground work, and drainage have been put in place at the regional school, said Mr. Turner, and only cold weather is delaying work now. All steel has arrived at the Holyoke processing plant, all brick is available, and steel door and window casings have arrived.

## Library Displays New Travel Book Exhibit

At your library for the next few weeks, you will find an exhibit of books on the subject, "Traveling Around the World with Books."

On the table will be found groups of books on travel in different countries, from England to Africa and the Orient. The central theme on the peg-board are books of history and travel in our own United States. You will find later editions as well as the earlier fine books.

Travel with Morton through England, Ireland, Scotland, The Bible Lands, and more recently through Spain. Or sail with the Yankee Schooner on her latest trip.

Wind, Sand, and Stars, by Saint Exupery, or The Spirit of St. Louis, by Lindbergh, will lift you above the clouds to view the world from above.

To help locate your favorite scene and as a guide in planning your travels, use the "Map of the World," on the new bulletin board and the fine large "Globe of the World," on the table.

Corys Heselson and eight other employees of the Abalone Exterminating Co. plan to attend the Seventeenth Annual Eastern Pest Control Operators Conference at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Jan. 23-25. New materials, equipment and techniques will be discussed and laboratory studies which relate to this work will be made at this conference.

## Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin: Not for Northfield Public Schools

The following table shows Northfield school expenditures for the school year and opposite each is the percentage of the total budget that particular items equal. These percentages when compared with the Group III percentages (Group III includes all towns of under 5,000 population maintaining high schools) and state-wide percentages for these same items, to give a rough idea of how near Northfield public schools expenses are to group and state averages.

"We have near-average or below-average costs in almost every category except transportation," said School Superintendent Frank Turner, "and the geography of Northfield explains our high costs in that item."

Item	Amt. Spent by Northfield	Percent	Group III Percent	State Percent
General Control	\$ 3,391.37	3.1	4.2	3.1
Salaries	67,263.46	61.9	62.0	67.7
Textbooks	1,216.75	1.2	1.9	1.3
Supplies	1,595.65	1.5	3.4	3.3
Janitor Service	10,129.70	9.3	12.1	11.9
Repairs	3,138.34	2.8	2.9	4.3
Libraries	—	—	0.2	0.2
Health	1,000.00	0.9	1.2	1.5
Transportation	18,810.01	17.4	10.0	3.4
Tuition	1,045.00	0.9	0.1	1.1
Physical Education	115.50	0.1	0.6	0.8
Miscellaneous	929.32	0.9	0.9	1.1
School Lunch	—	—	0.5	0.3
	\$108,635.00	100.0	100.0	100.0

## Snow Shoveling Helps Hold Blaze

Edward Brown and fireman, Howard E. Williams quick work in shoveling snow halted the spread of fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Allen of Pine Meadows Rd. Saturday, Jan. 19.

Chief Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr., said an overheated wood stove in the kitchen caused the fire, which was first spotted by Edward Brown, a neighbor. Damage was estimated at \$1,500.

The six-room, two-story home is owned by Charles Tenney of Tenney Farms, a dairy operation employing both Allen and Brown. On his way home from work, Brown saw a flickering light inside the house and investigated.

The Allens and their three small children were away from home when the fire started. Brown notified Fireman Howard E. Williams, another neighbor, and the two men shovelled snow onto the fire until the departments three trucks arrived.

The Allens returned home while the department was extinguishing the fire. Pending repair of the damage, the family is living in the tenement next to the main barn at Tenney Farms.

Chief Dunnell said the fire was controlled within a half hour after the departments arrival. The call was received at 6:30 p.m. A Hinsdale, N. H. truck and crew covered in Northfield under the mutual aid system.

Damage was confined to the first floor of the house, mainly in the kitchen. Exclusive of the family's personal effects the loss is covered by insurance.

## Addresses Kiwanians

Rev. Lester White, alumni secretary at Mt. Hermon School for Boys, addressed the Kiwanis club at its regular meeting Monday evening at the Valley Vista Inn.

Rev. White showed slides and gave an interesting talk on the growth of the school over the last seventy-five years from a small farm house to the present-day campus with its many buildings.

Albert Stomp was a guest of Mark Alrich.

Next week's meeting will be at the Valley Vista Inn with Horace Morse as guest speaker.

## Anderson To Run For Tree Warden

Nomination papers for the office of tree warden have been filed by Frank Anderson who will contest the office with Joseph Bilmon, who was nominated as tree warden by the Republican caucus. The present tree warden, Kenneth Miller, has declined to run for office this year.

## Jurors Are Drawn For '57 Term

The jury list for 1957 was drawn by the Selectmen at their meeting Monday. Jurors for the year will be:

Harold F. Bigelow, Clifford R. Camp, Grove W. Deming, Katherine F. Field, Josephine J. Gaida, Arthur F. Green, Robert J. Hafner, Kenneth B. Hall, Ernest C. Howard, Mary L. Holton, Rhoda L. Kempkes, Joseph Lipsio, Florence B. Lyman, Lulu M. Neal, Leslie S. Rice, Bertha M. Rikert, Robert H. Schepp, Charles F. Slate, Eleanor Stange, Dwight P. Stearns, Carl J. Stone, Charles D. Streeter, Daniel F. Sutherland, Lillian Tie, Clarence K. Webber, Charles R. White, Deane W. Williams, Phoebe W. Winterbottom.

## Funds Discussed at Salvation Army Dinner

Northfield was represented at a Salvation Army dinner in Greenfield Monday by Ted Powell, local Salvation Army treasurer.

Discussion and explanations of distribution of funds from the Franklin United Fund, which the Salvation Army joined last year, were held after dinner.

More than 200 persons from Franklin County attended.

## African Scenes Shown At Center School

Center School fourth grade prepared a display for the school bulletin board. Scenes of Africa which were prepared by Patricia Butter, Victoria Gonyer, Joy Holloway, Keith Hall, Elizabeth Tower, Linda Wood, Mary Anna Luciw, Kathleen Livingstone, Linda Merrifield, and Linda Huber.

Mrs. Evelyn Parker, teacher of fifth grade, was ill for three days; she returned to school Friday. In her absence, Mrs. Russell Phelps of Greenfield taught fifth grade classes.

Mrs. Sheldon's Grade 3 and 4 Monitors for next week: Bulletin board, Judith Bistrek, Robert Huber; library shelves, Angela Randall; boys' closet, Charles Carey; girls' closet, Judith Mercer; window shades, Frederick Given; story teller, Steven Jones.

Mrs. Holt's first grade has been studying about the magnet. Richard Schepp brought his magnet and Jeffrey Kimball brought his magnetic pick-up sticks for us to use.

Helpers for this week are Milford Atwood, Richard Schepp, Lorraine Tie, Caryn Black, Constance Kazanowski, Sherry Silver, Thomas Jones, Linda Fisher, Dale Schilinger.

Mrs. Bolton, Grade 1 Helpers this week: Susan Schryba, William Clough, Carol Bolton, John Putala, Kathleen Huber, Michael Szetaka, Francis Krejmas.

The first graders in this room listened to the inauguration of President Eisenhower on Mrs. Bolton's radio.



Paul Abbey and Henry Prescott put the finishing touches on a snow sculpture built in the school yard by the pupils at Center School.

## High School News Notes

Dorothy Given, reporter

Students at Northfield High are grateful for the fine response of Northfield citizens to Mrs. Miller's request for persons who would take a group of us into their homes to view President Eisenhower's inauguration on television. The response was more than ample. All students were able to see the inauguration and the parade which followed.

The following people opened their homes to students: Mrs. Edward Powell, Mrs. Ronald Walker, Mrs. Charles Repeta, Mrs. Harvey Hatheway, Mrs. Albert Anderson, Mrs. George Leonard, Mrs. Winthrop Spencer, Mrs. Charles Phelps.

Mrs. Samuel Bishop, Mrs. Douglas Jones, Mrs. Eugene Hammond, Mrs. Margaret Lombard, Mrs. Russell Durgin, and The Northfield Hotel.

In addition, Mrs. Kenneth Leach and Mrs. Michael Sytnik offered the facilities of their homes. Transportation for some of the students was provided by George Mello, Ray Kervian, Charles Field, John Thayer, Aaron Barnard, Raymond Buell, George Leonard, Roy Fish, Mrs. Winthrop Spencer, Mrs. Eugene Hammond, Mrs. Stanley Gorzocoski and Mrs. Margaret Lombard.

About thirty students started their annual drive for funds for the Franklin County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Since its inception in 1945, school students have performed this service.

Your response has been generous and most helpful. As a result of your generous donations each year, the end of polio as a killer and maimer of our children and young people is in sight.

Polio vaccine has been made available to all, from infants to the age of forty. The number of cases for the past year was cut considerably. However, much research needs to be done, and all those who have been victims will continue to need treatment, therapy, and, in many instances, individual attention and institutional-

ization. Funds are badly needed for these activities.

All the contributions in Franklin county for the past three years, plus contributions from the national foundation, have been necessary in order to care for the cases now existing in our own county. The costs for three cases alone is \$50 a day.

If you bear these facts in mind, I am sure you will wish to do your part in making this year's drive a successful one.

Our basketball teams have not had a very successful time during the past week. Both our boys and girls lost to Williamsburg last Friday. Then on Tuesday evening our girls lost to the Thayer High girls by the low score of 31 to 22. Our boys lost, also, by a score of 65 to 41. Our boys showed considerable improvement in this game in the second half, and promise to show their true abilities in the games during the remaining weeks. Tonight there will be two boys' games at Charlemont High school. Next Tuesday, we will entertain the Powers Institute teams at Town Hall.

Wherever our teams go, our cheerleaders go and our cheerleaders are earning a number of compliments from the fans and students in other schools. We're proud of these girls. They, with their mothers, planned and made their uniforms; worked out and practiced the routines for their cheers; and have made up several original cheers. Their cheerleading has been outstanding.

Today, a photographer from Vantine's Studio in Boston took group pictures of classes and organizations for the 1957 issue of our yearbook, The Review.

No articles for the Town Warrant will be accepted after Monday, Jan. 28, warned Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Robert Barnes. All articles must be in the Selectmen's hands by Monday evening.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, Northfield Press:  
We certainly enjoy the Northfield Press and hope it continues to prosper to make Northfield an up and coming community. Keep up the good work and may the people look ahead to the future instead of the past. Norma Stearns

## APOLOGIA

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—The Editor

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The Young People will meet at 6:30 at the church. Fred Morrison of the Providence, Barrington Bible School is the youth director. On Friday, 7:30, will be Hour of Power and Bible Study.

On Thursday there will be a Word of Life Campaign with Jack Wyrzten at 7:30 at the Town Hall. Prior to this will be a movie at 7.

## ADVENT CHRISTIAN

South Vernon

The Young People will conduct a meeting at Vernon Advent Christian Nursing Home with Harry White as leader. There will be a prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:45.

## GOSPEL SERVICES,

DISTRICT No. 3

Sunday at 3 p.m. the Sing and Bring club will have a radio rally at the North Leverett Baptist church. At 6:15 the young people will meet and Jimmie Browning will speak on Musicians in the Bible. There will be a Cottage Prayer meeting at the home of the Homer Browning's Sr. on Monday evening at 7:30. At 3 on Friday there will be a choir rehearsal and the Sing and Bring club will meet at 3:30 in the afternoon. Also, on Friday at 7:30 there will be Prayer and Bible study at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Browning, Sr. On Saturday the Sing and Bring club will broadcast over station WHAI, 10-10:30 a.m.

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## Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

Mrs. Elizabeth Quigley of Ridge Road, Agawam, chose to serve four days in jail in a New York detention home rather than pay a \$25 fine. She and several others of Quaker and pacifistic leanings staged a demonstration refusing to obey New York Civil Defense regulations last July 20. While she lived in Northfield she worked at the Youth Hostel and at Mt. Hermon. She built the home on Pine St. now occupied by the Frederick Bauers, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman F. Fowler had a son born Jan. 20 at Franklin County hospital. He is the grandson of the Charles Tenneys of the Farms and of Mrs. A. A. Dunklee of S. Vernon.

Mrs. Bertha Rickert, with 418 points, was winner of the ten-game series of Millers River Grange card parties which concluded last Monday.

Articles are still appearing in newspapers and magazines re-

garding the 100th birthday of Dr. Arthur J. Brown. In a publication called "Outreach," two amusing anecdotes are related about the dinner in his honor given at the Park Lane Hotel in New York. Dr. Charles Erdman, 90, said that he couldn't help thinking how much steadier Dr. Brown was on his feet that day then he was a hundred years ago! And he was steady on his feet for he delivered a fine fifteen minute address. The other anecdote was a tribute from Henry Tsuru of Japan. He said he was greatly privileged to meet a "prehistoric man." He explained that Dr. Brown's birth predated the coming of Christianity to Japan.

Rev. James Bean of the College Cevenol and international secondary school in France, spoke Thursday in Sage chapel. A close friendship has been maintained between Cevenol and The Northfield schools through exchange teachers, work camps and drives.

Roger Billings has sold his milk route to Wayside Dairy of Greenfield. He started the route in Millers Falls 27 years ago. The Billings recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Mrs. George Moody has been visiting her brother and sister-in-law, the Gordon Moodys.

At the Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday evening Donna Hayes presented the story of "The Seeing Eye Dog."

Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall attended the President's inauguration in Washington and visited their daughter, Dorothy, Mrs. Richard Williams, and family while there.

The Friendly Class will meet at the home of Mrs. Wilton F. Dean on Monday evening.

Dr. Kiyoshi Togasaki, chairman

of the board of trustees of the International Christian College of Japan, has been a house guest at the home of Mrs. Russell Durgin. When he gave an illustrated talk at the hotel Friday evening Miss Barbara Clough brought to the meeting Miss Hiroko Maki of Hiroaki. The girl is a student at The Northfield School for Girls and came in a beautiful native costume. She is here for one year through the kindness of the American Friends Service, and lives at Wilson Hall.

The Graduate School of the International Christian College will open in April, 1957, and Mrs. Durgin hopes to establish a yearly scholarship in memory of her husband who died a year ago this month. The scholarship will cost \$300 a year, and she will work each year to collect this amount for a student.

The special offering for Hungarian Relief at the Trinitarian Congregational church amounted to \$109.

At the polio benefit party sponsored by the Grange and the American Legion auxiliary at the town hall Saturday night \$39 was received.

Twenty-one persons attended the house-warming for Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Billings. The couple received a set of dishes.

From January 18 to Feb. 1 the Girl Scouts are holding their second cookie sale of five delicious varieties. They are making a door to door canvas selling cookies.

Miss Carol Atwood as a member of the local 4-H Poultry Club is exhibiting in Boston in the Poultry Show from Thursday through Saturday this week.

Miss Annie Mae and Miss Ruth Schoemaker of New Orleans have

come to The Northfield Hotel for winter sports. They made their reservations months ago and have not been disappointed in the va-to door canvass selling cookies.

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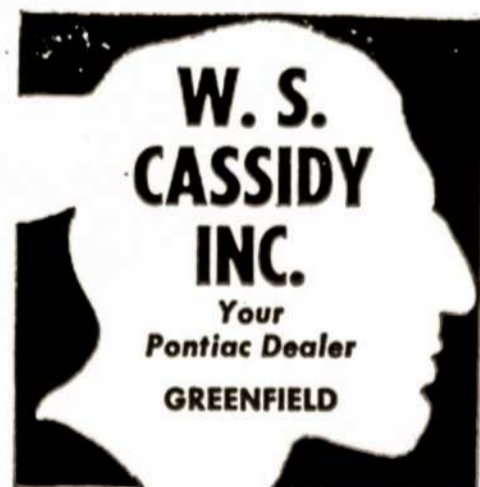
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Public Funds .....	298,909.50
Railroad Securities .....	591,432.09
Telephone Bonds .....	105,000.00
Gas and Electric Company Bonds .....	226,257.00
Other Corporate Bonds .....	54,000.00
Bank Stocks .....	662,999.85
Fire Insurance Company Stock .....	27,692.55
First Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	
Conventional Mortgages (Net) ..	8,429,659.67
F.H.A. Insured Mortgages .....	1,302,856.70
Veterans' Guaranteed	
Mortgages (Net) .....	4,321,894.13
Other Loans .....	14,054,410.50
For Repairs, etc. (Chap.	
168, Cl. 10) .....	137,812.75
On Personal Security .....	255,071.48
Real Estate (Bank Building) .....	392,884.23
Real Estate by Foreclosure .....	163,211.65
Real Estate in Possession .....	19,830.41
Cash in Banks and on hand .....	10,685.80
Other Resources .....	826,135.34
	52,783.83
	\$27,538,569.00

#### LIABILITIES

Deposits .....	\$24,725,261.01
Savings Clubs .....	9,788.50
Guaranty Fund .....	1,594,678.52
Profit and Loss .....	1,116,865.19
Other Liabilities .....	91,975.78
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## News Notes from Northfield Farms

Mrs. Laurence Hammond, Correspondent Telephone 918

Walter Clark, civil engineer, is one of a group of men sent from this part of the state to Virginia to work on a government survey. He is associated with Ainsworth Assn. They are installing telephones bordering on the states of Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Mrs. Bernard Hall is the den mother of the newly formed troop

of Cub Scouts, Troop 7, assisted by Mrs. James Hanrahan.

The Ladies Benevolent Society held a card party Wednesday evening at the Community Club. High prize for whist went to Mrs. Eva Kervian, low, Mrs. Lee Holway. High in pitch to Clayton Glazier, low, Chester Sytnik. Canasta high, Mrs. Edith Williams, low, Mrs. Gloria Billings. Door awards to Joe Bilman, Mrs. Eva Kervian, Mrs. Ida Morse, and Ronnie Kimball. The next card party will be Feb. 27 sponsored by the Community Club.

Home from the University of Massachusetts this week are Robert Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Scott, Richard Parsons and Rachael Parsons, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parsons.

Melody-Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeMaria, has returned from Farren hospital.

Mrs. Wendell Persons has been a substitute teacher for the third, fourth and fifth grades in the Warwick school.

Rachael Parsons is assisting at the Tenney Farms Filling Station while Mrs. Jack Young is in the Franklin County Hospital for dental surgery.

Mrs. Fred Clough was hostess to a joint pink and blue shower for Mrs. Charles Tapke and Mrs. Arthur Johnson; Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dana Clough. Guests were from Millers Falls, Farley and Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fowler are parents of a son, Alan, 7 lbs. 7 oz., born Sunday, Jan. 20 in the Franklin County Hospital. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tenney and great grandson of Mrs. A. A. Dunklee of S. Vernon, Vt. Mrs. Fowler and baby returned home Thursday.

District No. 3 Community Club will hold its annual meeting Thursday, Jan. 31 at 7:30.

dale Congregational church for a skating party.

7:30 p.m.—January meeting of the Church Cabinet in the vestry.

### UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. ROBERT SLATER, Pastor  
Mrs. KENNETH MILLER,  
Supt. of Sunday School  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
(Northfield Unitarian Church will combine with Bernardston Unitarian Church for services to be broadcast from Bernardston over Radio Station WHAI.)

### ADVENT CHRISTIAN,

South Vernon  
10:30—Church service.  
11:45—Sunday school.  
7:30—Evening service. Sermon subject, "The teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit."

### GOSPEL SERVICES

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Guest Pastor, Rev. ARTHUR GREEN  
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12 noon—Sunday school  
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### RUSSELL SAGE CHAPEL

11 a.m.—Worship service  
(The sermon will be preached by Dr. David Weinland, Faith Congregational church, Springfield.)

### TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. JOSEPH REEVES, Pastor  
Mrs. F. H. MOSES,  
Director of Christian Education  
9:45 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Public Worship.  
Sermon subject, "The Ramparts We Watch." Pre-school age children attended by Northfield School for Girls students.

5:00 p.m. Young people of the Pilgrim Fellowship meet at the church to go to be guests of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Hins-

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